

REMARKS

These remarks and the accompanying amendments are responsive to the most recent Office Action mailed August 6, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the Office Action"). A shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on October 6, 2004.

The Office Action indicated that the application was in condition allowance except for a formal matter. Specifically, the Office Action objected to the drawings as not including the cascoded transistors recited in Claims 3-8 and 11-16. Accompanying this amendment are proposed replacement sheets, which addresses this objection by including the cascoded transistors. The specification is also amended slightly to specifically make references to the amended portions of the drawings.

Paragraph 0024 disclosed the concept of the cascoded transistors, including their position within the prior figures, such that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been able to practice the invention (including the cascoded transistors) based on the disclosure. Accordingly, the amendments of the drawings are not new matter. Therefore, the undersigned respectfully requests acceptance of the proposed replacement sheets.

As this is the only formal matter left at issue, favorable action is respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached two sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 3.

Sheet 1 of 4, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet 1 of 4 which included Figure 1.

Sheet 3 of 4, which includes Figure 3, replaces the original sheet 3 of 4 which included Figure 3.

Attachment: Two (2) Replacement Sheets